

7. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said first leveller blade moves on a linear sweeping path.

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8. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the forward acute angle is between 1 and 60°.

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10. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the first leveller blade presents multiple forward acute angles to the linear sweeping path.

13. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the first leveller blade has a flat tail section.

14. (Amended) A method according to claim 7, comprising plural movements of the first leveller relative to the perforated plate.

15. (Amended) A method according to claim 7, wherein a thin layer of powder is left on the perforated bed after movement of the first leveller blade.

18. (Amended) A method according to claim 7, wherein the powder is further directable by at least one subsequent leveller blade.

24. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, additionally comprising removing excess powder from said perforated plate subsequent to directing powder into the perforation.

26. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the contents of the perforation are transferable by the action of a transfer pin.

27. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein direction of powder into the closed-off perforation and transfer into the blind cavity is a continuous step.

28. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein transfer of the contents of the perforation to the container comprises:

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- a) reopening the perforation;
  - b) placing the container in registration with the perforation; and
  - c) transferring the contents of the perforation into the container.

29. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the contents of the perforation are transferable by the action of a vacuum system.

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31. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, additionally comprising compacting the powder in the perforation.

34. (Amended) A method according to claim 31, wherein the powder is compactable by the action of a compacting pin.

35. (Amended) A method according to claim 26, wherein the transfer pin and the compacting pin are integral.

36. (Amended) A method according to claim 26, wherein the transfer pin and the compacting pin are identical.

37. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the container is a blind cavity.

39. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, additionally comprising applying a lid to the container to protect the contents therein.

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40. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the powder comprises a medicament.

A11 46. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 42, wherein the diameter of the closed-off perforation is between 1.5mm and 15mm.

A12 48. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 42, wherein said first leveller blade is movable across the perforated plate on a linear sweeping path.

49. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the forward acute angle is between 1 and 60°.

A13 51. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 42, wherein the first leveller blade presents multiple forward acute angles to the linear sweeping path.

54. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 42, wherein the first leveller blade has a flat tail section.

55. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 48, wherein the first leveller blade is positioned to leave a gap of between 3 and 20mm between the first leveller blade and the perforated plate.

57. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 48, wherein the director further comprises at least one subsequent leveller blade.

A16 61. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 42, wherein the perforated plate forms the rim of a drum.

A17 63. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 42, wherein the transferor comprises a transferor pin.

64. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 42, wherein the transferor comprises a vacuum system.

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66. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 42, additionally comprising a compactor for compacting the powder in the perforation.

68. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 63, wherein the transferor and compactor are integral.

69. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 63, wherein the transferor and compactor are identical.

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70. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 42, additionally comprising registration means for registering the container with the perforation.

71. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 42, additionally comprising a powder remover for removing excess powder from the perforated plate subsequent to action of the powder director.

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73. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 42, wherein the container is a blind cavity.

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75. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 42, additionally comprising a lid applier for applying a lid to the container to protect the powder therein.

76. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 42, further comprising powder.

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79. (Amended) A tablet obtainable by the method according to claim 1.

80. (Amended) Compacted powder obtainable by the method according to claim 1.